

Hebrews

CHAPTERS THREE & FOUR

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Jesus & Angels
Priests

HEBREWS ONE & TWO

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Jesus & Moses

HEBREWS 3:1-6

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Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ² who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.

HEBREWS 3:1-6

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³ For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses —as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴ (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)

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⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶ but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

HEBREWS 3:1-6

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Jesus & Moses

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MOSES

survived an infanticide

Egypt

wilderness

miracles

led God's people out of slavery

lead God's people through the wilderness
and aiming for the Promise Land

JESUS

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Hebrews 3:7-11

A Rest for the People of God

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⁸ do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
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and saw my works for forty years.

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the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did he swear that
they would not enter his rest, but to those who were
disobedient? ¹⁹ So we see that they were unable to
enter because of unbelief.

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rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should
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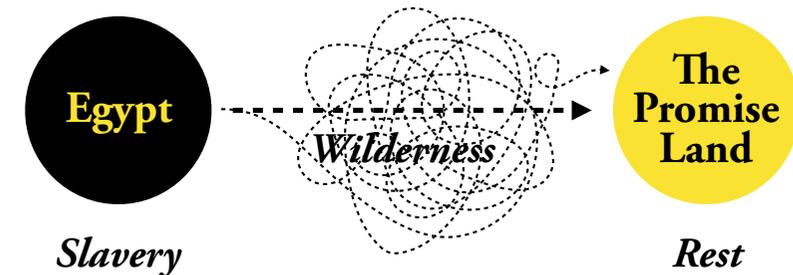
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HEBREWS 3:7- 4:7

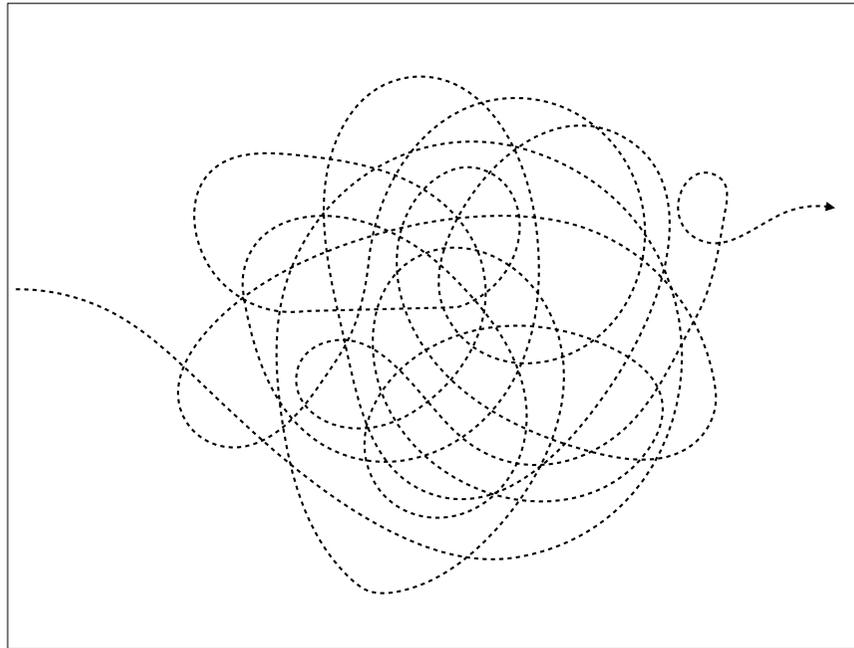
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The Promise Land

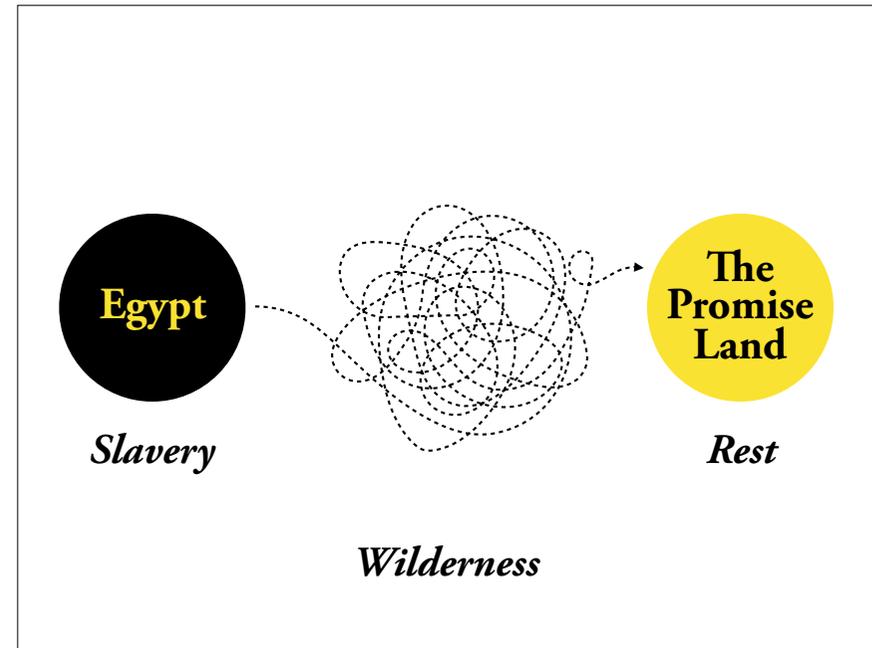
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Hebrews 3:16-19

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Matt 6:21-23

Not everyone who says to me “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?” And then will I declare to them, “I never knew you, depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.

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Entering God’s Rest

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Hebrews 4:3-5

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Hebrews 4:8-11

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

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**Entering
God's Rest**
by taking a sabbath

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**God's Word
breathes life**

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Hebrews 4:12-13

¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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“Just-Around-The-Corner” Spirituality, Mike Emlet

Have you ever thought, “If only I didn’t have this pressing deadline, I could spend more time in prayer”? Or, “Once I recover from this illness, then I’ll be able to concentrate and study God’s Word”? Or, “If I could just line up a retreat day (or better yet, a week of vacation) then my walk with Christ could be renewed and refreshed”? Or, “If only the kids were out of diapers, I would have more time to pursue God”? Or, “If only the kids were out of the house, I would have more time to pursue God”? Or “Once I get through the whirlwind of Advent and Christmas, then I’ll be able to slow down and savor God again”?

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I’ve thought that. Perhaps you have as well. You might call this phenomenon “just-around-the-corner spirituality.” That is, the idea that once you can get beyond present circumstances, your relationship with God will be able to grow deeper. If I can just get around this next corner, then I will be able seek after God in an undistracted and more wholehearted way. The problem is, I rarely (if ever!) round the next corner to this new and blessed world of undistracted communion with Christ! It looks like I’m stuck with today as the context of growth in my relationship with God.

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- Today, am I listening to God? Or is my heart hardened?
*Lord, soften my heart. I’m sorry for not listening.
Please forgive me.*
- Today, am I struggling in the wilderness?
Lord, may I strive for your Promise Land, the ultimate place of rest and keep persevering on.
- Today, what is stopping me from striving to keep the sabbath? *Lord, I surrender _____ that stops me from resting on the sabbath, help me to worship you today.*
- Today, am I spending time with God through His word?
Lord, reveal Your truth to me through Your word

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